

**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Criminal Investigation Division
Investigative Activity Report**

Case Number:

1000-0484

Case Title:

Shell Puget Sound Refinery

Subject of Report:

2018-04-05 Interview of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Reporting Office:

Seattle, WA, Area Office

Activity Date:

April 5, 2018

Reporting Official and Date:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Agent

13-APR-2018, Signed by: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Approving Official and Date:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Deputy Division Director

17-APR-2018, Approved by: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Assistant Special Agent in Charge

SYNOPSIS

On April 5, 2018, SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) interviewed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), regarding (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) interactions with the Shell Puget Sound Refinery release on February 20, 2015.

DETAILS

On April 5, 2018, I interviewed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), regarding (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) interactions with the Shell Puget Sound Refinery release on February 20, 2015. After being notified of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) in substance, provided the following information:

On February 20, 2015, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) when (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) started to notice a strong chemical smell, which (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) believed to from some sort of fire. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) told (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to go back to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) bedroom and close the windows. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was coughing as well. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) could see the "haze" that was affecting them in the air inside of the home. Their eyes were burning and their throats were hurting.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) believed this chemical smell was coming from one of the local refineries in Anacortes, Washington. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) took (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to a hospital in Anacortes and while (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was there the medical staff checked (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) as well. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was admitted with breathing issues. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) still has breathing difficulty and gets headaches often.

Prior to the February 2015 release, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), but since the release it has gotten worse. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) needs to use inhaler more often and feels more weakened since the event. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) needs more fresh air and believes (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) sense of taste has been negatively affected. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was approximately (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) at the time of the incident.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) knows that her neighbor, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), has been in and out of the hospital with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and another hospital in Mount Vernon, Washington. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) believes (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) illness is directly related to the chemical release.